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## Barbara Connors Is New SA Secretary

The student body of Rosary Hill College has elected Barbara Connors as the Corresponding Secretary of the Student Government.

Miss Connors, a 1962 graduate of Bishop Neumann High School in Williamsville, is a member of the Elementary Education Concentration.

In an interview with *The Ascent*, Miss Connors said: "I would like to sincerely thank the entire student body for affording me the opportunity to serve them and Rosary Hill College in the office of Corresponding Secretary."

"I will work to achieve and fulfill the obligations of my office for the benefit and betterment of our Student Council and the entire collegiate community."

Miss Connors conducted her campaign under the banners of COMMUNICATION and COORDINATION on all levels of the campus student to student relationships; student, faculty and administration relationships.

"The office of corresponding

secretary affords innumerable opportunities," stated Miss Connors, "to foster this communication and cooperation. It is within the realm of my duties to supervise publication of the SA Bulletin, the 'voice' of the Student Council."

She plans to continue the calendar of events in order to insure awareness of student activities and campus affairs.

As Supervisor of the Secretariat, she wishes to work with the core group of girls involved in its operation. She has promised to promulgate the policies and services available for the entire student body.

She further has included in her platform the consideration of the restructuring of Council and the more unified and intensified involvement and participation which would cement Council's power.

Also participating in the campaigns for this office were: Maureen Martin, Dorothy Buhl, Rosemary Auken, Mary Meyers and Anne Marie Schott.

## Architect to Speak Here

As part of its purpose of furthering interest and knowledge in the fields of contemporary art and literature, the Falstaffian of Rosary Hill College is presenting Mr. Arthur A. Carrara who will be speaking on *Architecture: Origins and Directions*. The tentative date is Monday, April 13 at 4:30 P.M.

A practicing architect for 25 years, Arthur A. Carrara is a widely known Chicago architect and designer. Mr. Carrara's career has extended from Chicago to the Philippines, from Australia to Buffalo.

His architectural work ranges from residential and industrial buildings to remodeling. In Buffalo he has done both remodeling and new buildings for Graphic Controls Corporation and the Hard Manufacturing Company.

His design work covers a broad range of activity. It includes the creation of exhibits for art museums such as the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, the Milwaukee Art Center, and our own Albright-Knox Art Gallery (he created the "20th Century Design" show held in Buffalo in 1959). He has exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, and the Chicago Art Institute. In addition to exhibits, he has designed toys for children, and produced a new concept in print-making - a washable permanent transfer print - for which he had a one-man show in Chicago in December, 1963. Furniture, lighting fixtures and city planning are other areas in which his creative abilities have been applied.

Here is an architect who has a love of the land, a thorough knowledge of materials and construction principles and a creative fluid and resourceful ability. His one-man architectural show will be on exhibit in the Albright-Knox Art Gallery this Fall.

## Elaine Lepeirs Gains Vice-Presidential Post

Elaine Lepeirs has been elected Student Association Vice-President. Miss Lepeirs, in a statement to *THE ASCENT*, expressed the following thoughts: "I am happy to have the honor of being elected vice-president of next year's Council. I would like to thank all those who worked on my campaign and gave me their support. I hope and would encourage all members of the Student Association to take an active interest in the workings of our Council next year. Our President-elect has envisioned a promising year; it is necessary that not only the members of her Council but the entire Association give her our support."



ELAINE LEPEIRS

Concerning her position, Miss Lepeirs stated: "The position of the vice-president is an important one; I can promise a sincere effort to make it most effective by enacting the points in my platform."

The chief duties of the vice-president are chairing the Campus Organizations Committee, supervising the SA committees, and correlating the SA calendar. Miss Lepeirs platform concerned itself with strengthening the impact of these duties on both the Council and the Student Association. The major points of her platform include a continuing of the structural reforms enacted to increase the powers of COC and a re-vitalization of the present structures; strengthening link between COC and Student Council by presenting reports at both meetings concerning the actions and plans of each group; the establishment of a COC Bulletin as a necessary means of communication between clubs and the entire Association. This bulletin would give the dates of club affairs and events to look ahead for in planning. In a desire to encourage student participation in club programs and club membership, Miss Lepeirs plans to continue the COC Open House and the sending of a letter to the incoming freshman alerting them to the opportunities of club membership.

Miss Lepeirs envisions a Special Activities Fund to be used for special programming and club conventions; since Student Council is unable to provide money for such a fund, she would encourage money making projects to be held singly or jointly by clubs desiring additional funds. Plans may include a major money-making activity to be undertaken by the entire COC.

Concerning her other duties, Miss Lepeirs wishes to reorganize the Publicity Committee with the hopes of more noticeable interest taken of special events and activities.

## Security Is An Ascent Raffle

by Sue Hertz

The ASCENT is giving away money - for a price, that is.

Students have been barraged by ticket sellers promoting a raffle for the paper's benefit. The object is security, and a newspaper which will appear regularly. It is an attempt to supplement funds from advertisements which are often temporarily and precariously obtained.

Dependence on student interest and cooperation is not only aiding the paper but giving the student body a vested interest in its publication. Through the raffle the ASCENT is looking hopefully toward a healthy, if not prosperous, future.

The active selling of tickets has denoted the existence of the raffle which will continue until April 13. For many, the yellow tickets have become a standard championing the cause of publication. They are being sold honestly and otherwise by friends of the ASCENT to anyone who is either willing, or unable to refuse them. Promoters are now among the student body seeking support for the all provident raffle. Borrowing from "Peanuts," it now seems that happiness can also be a raffle ticket.

## Coffee Hour

Everyone is invited to Alverno Hall Sunday, April 12, from 2 to 5. The purpose is to raise money for the Franciscan missions in Tanganyika, Africa, and for the Chinese Sisters of Formosa.

The sisters have prepared entertainment with choral group and orchestra. There will be singing under the direction of Sister M. Patrice O.S.F., including medleys of Irish, English and Russian folk songs. The small orchestra, under the direction of Sister M. Corona O.S.F., will also perform pieces from classical to modern times. Included are two songs from Porgy and Bess, the theme from Exodus, and two themes from Slaughter on Tenth Avenue.

## MUD Dance

### Set for May 2

"Maytime Magic," theme of the Moving Up Day Dance, will be presented by the Freshman and Sophomore classes at the Hotel Buffalo on May 2.

Music by Eli Konikof and his band will entertain dancers in the Main Ballroom from 9:30 to 1:30.

Teri Fisher, general chairman, announced that the number of tickets is limited and that the Freshman and Sophomore classes will have first opportunity to buy them. The price of the tickets is \$3.50 and the date of the sale will be announced later.

Chairing the committees are Suzanne Cole and Judith Mello, Decorations and Favors; Jean M. Worth and Julia Hasset, Invitations; and M. Patricia Hoftiezer and Kathleen Zahm, Chaperons.

## RHC Students Elect Margaret Magher

The Student Body of Rosary Hill College has elected Miss Margaret Magher as Treasurer of the Student Council. Miss Magher, an Art Major attended Bayley Ellard High School in Madison, New Jersey, where she was Art Editor of the school paper, the literary magazine, and the yearbook. She served on the Student Council in her Junior year.

While in office, she would like to see prompt and efficient, yet capable handling of the student's money for clubs and activities. She hopes to stress the following improvements or additions

to the office:

1. a reconstruction of the petty cash fund to make it more useful and practical for the student body; and

2. the inauguration of a fund providing for food requests from the various organizations on campus.

When interviewed by *The Ascent*, Miss Magher said: "I'm very happy about the election; I can't wait to get started. I would like to thank all the people involved in the campaign; I hope I can repay them by serving them."

## Anna Mae Melchiorre Will Lead Resident Council as President

Miss Anna Mae Melchiorre was elected Resident Council President for the 1964-1965 academic year on March 11. Miss Melchiorre's platform consisted of five points, two of which directly involved the Student Association and the general student body.

The first of these two points is a correlation of some of the SA and Resident Council committees; specifically the Cultural Social, and Publicity committees. This correlation refers to the activities and where possible, the structures of the committees.

Secondly, Miss Melchiorre feels there is a definite need for greater interaction between resident and day students. She would stimulate a greater interest in the Student Association and in the college, itself among resident students. She pointed out that facilities such as Lourdes lounge are available and could be used for lectures and other activities.

Two points were devoted to the improved functioning of the Honor System. One would effect a better orientation of Freshmen residents to the Honor System so that the full import of the

System would be realized. In a similar vein, Miss Melchiorre would work for a more effective system of warnings and Judiciary.

As her last point, Miss Mel-

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ANNA MAE MELCHIORRE

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Overall, Miss Melchiorre stressed greater student involvement. Her view of Council is

that of a body which should initiate and organize activities which would be realized by students.

The duties of the Resident Council President encompass any question concerning dormitory life. In Miss Melchiorre's words, "it is an all day job."

Under the present structure, one of the duties of the President is to function as liaison between the Student Association and Resident Council. When questioned about this function, Miss Melchiorre stated that it is necessary that a representative be someone other than the president because of the intensity of the duties of the position.

The representative would be preferably a member of both councils whose chief responsibility would be as a member of the Resident Council, not as a member of the Student Association.

Miss Mary Jo Carey was also a candidate for the office of president.



# Life: An Awareness And a Response

*"There are vast realms of consciousness still undreamed of vast ranges of experience, like the humming of unseen harps, we know nothing of, within us."*

—D. H. Lawrence.

We are people, you and I, and I think often we have forgotten that being a person bears with it a certain awesome responsibility. Man is capable of knowing—objects, fellow persons, concepts—but more essential, he can, for the most part, select only what he desires to know, to touch, to realize.

*There is so much in this, our world—so much of goodness and evil, so much of darkness and light. The human choice is THE choice—the decision to create a life or to merely exist.*

*The decision to allow the world to come freely through the mind, through the undefinable soul, is THE decision.*

An intelligent author, John MacMurray, in his book, REASON AND EMOTION, has said: "the fundamental element in the development of . . . life is the training of this capacity to live in the senses, to become more and more delicately and completely aware of the world around us, because it is a good half of the meaning of life to be so."

He has further commented that we, almost totally as a society, have been afraid of "what would be revealed to us" if the physical realities were allowed to come to us, through us, without barriers, without the superfluous constraints which men have imposed upon themselves as a tradition.

It would seem then that the greatest law governing, "limiting" the human person is that he seek freedom for his sensitivity; the lease to probe the "consciousness" of which Lawrence has spoken is this freedom.

*Man can be very aware of his world if he so wishes, or very ignorant. But the struggle between freedom to experience and fear of the darkness destroys, mutilates clarity of the man-soul. The fear must be suppressed before the noble search, characteristic of that soul, is suppressed.*

*It is vital, then, for man in any era, but particularly this one, to penetrate the limitations, to labor once again for the natural contact with all things, the contact that conveys such a great portion of life's value.*

Religion, a faith, can be the most beautiful, intimate relationship; but it is important to the development of that relationship that man be mature mentally and physically, that he respond to the meaning of his world.

It is true, that this awareness, in terms of communication with another human being, creates tension, an almost painful sensitivity to this fellow being, and traditionally the mind, the human soul in its society, has turned from that tension in fear. But it is essential, somehow necessary to the maturity of that soul.

It is the most important human choice—the decision to admit life in all its fullness and depth into the personality, into the person. It is the question of the day: can the modern man "live" without the pain and beauty of all that surrounds him.

M.P.H.

## Student Government— Outlook Circa '65

The campaigning is over. The 1964-65 officers of the Student Association have been elected. All the candidates were qualified for the position they sought; their success or failure in this contest was determined ultimately by the student body. The campaigns publicized what each candidate would endeavor to achieve as an officer of Council. Throughout each of the campaigns one factor was obviously constant. Each candidate emphasized the reforms she would endorse; some of these naturally pertained to the office; but many referred to reforms they would bring to the Council as a governing body. This emphasis is a reflection of student demands. Much has been promised to the students by way of satisfying these demands for greater communication, streamlining for more efficient functioning, planning that will result in, and spring from, greater student involvement.

*What will be expected of this Council is action towards the fulfillment of these promises. That will be the standard by which the new Council will be judged. The goals set are high; each Council has tried to achieve greater student involvement, more reflective planning, efficiency. To be termed even a "good Council" they must meet these promises.*

The 1964-65 Student government will be working under a changed structure. The extent and the precise direction of this change is not yet determined. Whatever the change, the adjustment may prove an obstacle to the realization of these plans, for Council will have its energies and time divided to a greater extent than any previous Council.

Each of the officers has expressed a determination to vitalize Council, to make it a dynamic force on campus. This is precisely what will be demanded of this Council.

*Throughout these elections the student government has been in the spotlight; it has been given an exaggerated importance. It is a government in the full sense of the term. It is a limited body, held in the bounds of its adjective, student. This adjective implies many things including an influence in a sphere that has been, and is, defined by some higher authority. We will function, and have functioned as a government but always as a student government. One thought must permeate our planning; that we are students first and members of a government second.*

J.K.

## Student Interviews

by Janet Kapela

The question asked was timely: What do you think of the campaigns conducted on campus for the 1964-1965 Council officers? The majority of opinion of those questioned by **The Ascent** thought that the campaigns were well-conducted and brought certain advantages. As Miss Phyllis Friscia, '67, stated: "the campaigns afforded a better knowledge of the Student Government and, generally, the campaigns were conducted without reference to personal sentiments."

Miss Linda Young, '65, commented that the campaigns were widespread and well done; they seemed well planned and nothing appeared sloppy or haphazard.

Several students observed that the students showed a great amount of enthusiasm and interest during the campaigns. Miss Elizabeth Schwabl, '66, pointed out that the students became more personally involved and active than in previous years.

Miss Kathleen Metz, '64, stressed the fact that the campaigns were better this year because they were not confined to the lounge. She also thought that the campaign parties and candidates' platforms added to the quality of this year's campaigns.

The room for improvement was seen by many students. Miss Terry Gilson, '67, commented that there were not enough facilities to carry out a complete and thorough campaign. More allowances must be made for the candidates to enable them to present a successful and well-attended forum.

Miss Donna Campbell, '66, suggested that there be a higher percentage of the primary vote required for candidacy. This would eliminate the confusion of so many candidates running, such as five candidates for one office. She proposed that the primary percentage be raised to ten per cent of the vote.

When questioned, Miss Claudia Kregg, '66, had this to say: "The campaigns served to bring the attention of the student body to the elections. And this type of campaigning—the get-to-know your candidate parties, the platforms, and the lounge debates required some knowledge of campaign procedures on the candidates' part. The campaign itself is a test for the candidate. If the candidate carried on a good campaign it is an indication of what is to come if she attains the office. Also the candidates were given several opportunities to speak before large groups of students as well as being able to gain an informal knowledge of many students."

Miss Peggy Mount, '67, noticed the difference between these campaigns and those carried on in high school. She felt that the campaigns drew a lot of attention to the student government. However she felt that this was a sudden interest rather than a lasting attitude of the Student Body toward Council.

Miss Sharon Torba and Miss Leila Ramnarine were among those students who commented favorably on the slogans and themes of the campaigns. Sharon expressed her disappointment in not being able to hear the lounge discussions or attend the parties in Lourdes lounge. She proposed that the lounge discussions be scheduled twice so that a greater portion of the students would be able to be present.

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## ASCENT Open Letter To New Council Officers

An Open Letter to the newly elected officers of the Student Association:

The ASCENT congratulates you on the acquisition of your new positions and your new responsibilities. In light of the proposed re-structuring of student government, you will find yourselves in a unique position, empowered with the creation of many important precedents. A revised constitution provides a powerful tool to mold the form of student government at Rosary Hill. The situation stands as a challenge to your ingenuity and perseverance.

*The Student Council, with you, as members of the Executive Board, possesses the potentiality to become a vital part of campus life. On the other hand, it could vitiate this potentiality and serve a meaningless and impracticable role. You, as the officers of the Student Council and the Student Association, must choose the direction that student government will take.*

In theory, you represent the student body. Your first job, therefore, must be to uncover that force which is supposedly all-powerful but frequently inarticulate: the elusive student opinion. To represent such an amorphous and vague entity, you cannot rely on your own opinions and your own common sense; your duties are not limited to attending one or two meetings a week, expressing only your thoughts. If the students do not seek you out in order to express themselves, you must make a determined effort to gather their thoughts. It is important that each student be aware of the fact that in electing a Council member she is abdicating neither her rights nor her responsibilities to make her voice heard.

*Your offices, as stated above, will require both perseverance and ingenuity. You will be called upon not only for opinions, but also for original and creative ideas. You will be required to devise means to render student government more efficient and more relevant. Student Council cannot and should not exist for the sole purpose of perpetuating itself; you must transform it into an essential organization.*

Certainly your challenge is clear. With the proposed changes in structuring, you can make Student Council into something original and adaptive, serving as the vital force of the Student Association. No other group of officers has had this opportunity in recent years. You will begin with a clean slate; if you fail, you cannot ascribe your failure to anyone but yourselves. If you succeed, the entire Student Association, whom you represent, will owe you a debt of gratitude.

J.E.L.

## Keynote for Students— Strength Through Unity

During the heat of the Presidential elections many people became intensely "pro" one candidate and "con" her opponent. The school was divided during the campaign. Emotions were strong, many times misdirected on both sides. Now it's over. The results are in and we have a new Student Council President for the year 1964-65.

The energies of both camps were reassuring of the thought and concern on campus. Apathy was not able to exist in this atmosphere. We were all working for the candidate we felt was most qualified; indirectly then, we were working for our own good as members of the Student Association.

A decision must be made immediately—do we unite for student recognition and power or do we remain divided to flounder.

Kathleen Roberts  
Shirley Lennon



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## Science Students Seek Employment as Chefs

Scientists are noted for experimenting, and those at Rosary Hill are no exception. But the latest experiment of Kappa Sigma Rho Science Club, only indirectly concerned with test tubes, beakers, and spectrophotometers, is a venture into the world of commerce and the culinary arts.

Every afternoon between the hours of 3:30 and 5:30, girls clad in white lab coats invade the snack bar with an electric skillet, a grill, a coffee urn, and a popcorn popper.

They set out a display of condiments, and soon they are engulfed by hungry students who choose from a menu of hot dogs, hamburgers, cookies, brownies, popcorn, coffee and tea.

While the main staples are purchased each day, members of the club donate the baked goods, and each girl takes her turn behind the counter. Business has been so good that the work force has had to be doubled to keep up with the demand.

The question many students

are asking is: "Why the Science Clubs?" The answer is one of economics. For the past few years, Rosary Hill girls have attended the Eastern Colleges Science Conference held every year at a member college along the Eastern seaboard.

This year it is at Jersey City, and an unprecedented number wish to attend, with five of this number preparing to be delivered at the sessions.

Allowance for the convention was not made in any of last year's budgeting, with the result that the needed funds would cause a strain on the Student Association's pocketbook. Through the proceeds derived from the project, the Science Club hopes to alleviate as much as possible of the financial burden placed upon Council.

Under the co-chairmanship of Karen McGreevy and Marilee Hylant, the project so far is proving very successful. Kappa Sigma Rho may be starting a precedent, but then, leave it to the scientists!

## Chairman Announces Mathematics Grant

Sister Marion O.S.F., Chairman of the Mathematics Concentration, has recently received a grant of \$2,100 from the National Science Foundation.

The purpose of this grant is to help support a program of independent study in mathematics for three undergraduate mathematics majors during the academic year, 1964-1965.

Actually this project is a continuation of the program for independent study in mathematics which was begun in September, 1961.

The funds advanced by the National Science Foundation will serve both to free the director of one of her regular courses and to eliminate the necessity for the participating students to hold part-time jobs. In this way both the director and the three students will be able to devote more of their time and attention to the mathematics project.

Each of the students, under the guidance of the program director, will choose a topic of study in accordance with her own mathematical background and the prerequisites of the project.

There are to be both weekly group seminars and frequent individual student-advisor conferences. Participants will be asked to hand in papers based on their topics and will spend from eight to ten hours of every week on this project. The course carries three semester hours credit per semester.

Selection of the three student participants by members of the mathematics faculty will take place in May.

This is the second such grant received by Rosary Hill College

for study in the field of mathematics. The first one was for the academic year, 1963-1964 and distinguished Rosary Hill as the only women's college in the country to receive such a grant for this present academic year. In the current N.S.F. Undergraduate Science Education Program in Mathematics are two seniors and two juniors.

The seniors are Madonna Smith and Sister Chiara. Madonna is studying the Laplace transform and will investigate the relation of coefficients of cyclotomic polynomials to finite Fourier series.

Sister Chiara is working with game theory and statistical independence in regard to the re-



SISTER MARION O.S.F.

lation of coefficients in a cyclotomic polynomial to the prime factorization of its index.

## Director Announces Cast for Spring Play

Mr. Joseph Herman, drama instructor at Rosary Hill College, will again direct the semester theatrical presentation. The play, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, is a bawdy farcical comedy starring Sir John Falstaff. The dates of presentation have been set from April 22 to April 26, which will be included in the Shakespearean Festival being held on campus. Each student is entitled to one ticket which has been included in the fees for the semester. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$1.25.

The cast includes from Rosary Hill: Donna Benincasa, Celeste

Brody, Jeanne Walters, and Darlene Pickering, and stage manager, Patricia Sharp. The male cast includes: Dan Malbach, Dick Moses, Vic Santesero, Angel Giamra, Don Morasco, John Fairy, John Enright, Frank Maurer, James Masson, Mike Joyce, and Roger Paufer.

Shakespearean comedy is best appreciated when it is performed, and Rosary Hill is again giving its students an opportunity to supplement their education with an authentic performance, from scenery to costuming.

## Christ in Terms of the Time—An Embarrassing Implication

By Nicole D'Entremont

A revealing letter to the editor is to be found in this month's issue of JUBILEE magazine. The letter is testily put and written by a priest, protesting JUBILEE's choice of January's cover photo. The Photo was "shocking" he said, in "bad taste" and he would refuse to place the magazine in his vestibule for public sale. The photo was Shocking; it was the face of a child, her stomach bloated and eyes bewildered with hunger. This child did not roam the streets of Hong Kong but was born in Hazard, Kentucky, where most of the men were out of work because of automation. Immediately following the priest's letter was printed a short note by a Dominican nun. The note read, "congratulations on an excellent article. As an item of interest, the photograph looks just like a picture I once saw of the Christ Child." Just two comments in a magazine, but I think these comments might help throw into relief modern Christianity's attitude toward suffering.

During the next two weeks there will be much said, written and read about the suffering of Christ. In the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church three days will be set aside for an intensive reenactment of the events leading to Golgotha. Yet there is something unreal in this reenactment; something unreal in the crowded churches, in the sweat of Christ's suffering hidden in incense, in the stations of the cross being said amid

liturgical pomp with the drone of song and the attention-breaking kneeling, standing and sitting. It is as if the liturgy is working to blunt the reality of that chaotic point in man's history by demanding nothing of people



Nicole D'Entremont

except a metronomic recapitulation of fact. Not too many priests ask you to be angered by this crucifixion; instead the quality of acceptance is stressed. Yet it seems impossible to look at Christ, whether you believe he is God or not, and not be angered by the fact that here was a man dying because he was an embarrassment to his age. It is even more shocking to feel that if Christ came today to approximate the Messianic prophecies he would be an even more embarrassing figure in

terms of our time. His life 2,000 years ago was one of social heterodoxy - defending an adultress, eating with sinners, touching lepers, teaching a doctrine of another kingdom. Parallel his life in twentieth century terms and you would see Christ rising out of Hazard, Kentucky, or the "fruit belt" in Buffalo or from the Puerto Rican alleys on the Lower East Side of New York. Today, though we would have a civilized Golgotha. Christ would be committed to a mental institution, or just ignored as a Bible belt zealot or perhaps put into political exile. Today Christ becomes respectable in a monstrosity but view him in his historical setting and he becomes an uncomfortable implication for our time. We would prefer to see him in an idealized state but the fact remains that he was a social reactionary; he lived a rough life with rough men, besides preaching love with the eloquence of action.

It was because of an uncomfortable reality that the priest refused to sell JUBILEE magazine in his church; it was the quality of Christ in this uncomfortable reality that prompted the nun's letter to the editor. Underlying the priest's objection is the misconception of religion as a haven or rest, the return to the womb under a gothic arch. Underlying the nun's interpretation is an active Christianity that sees Christ in the sufferer and is stirred to compassion and hopefully to help. It isn't enough for a people to suffer for three days out of the year and live in a New Jerusalem of jasper and onyx for the rest. We must try to live each day as if all men were an incarnation, for how else is man's suffering to have value.

## Judith Ball Is New Chairman

Freshmen orientation plans commenced March 9 with the appointment of Judith Ball as chairman of the '64-'65 welcoming activities. Under the guidance of Sister Mary Cletus and with the assistance of her co-chairman, Sandra Klosinski, Judy plans to form various subcommittees through which arrangements will continue during the summer months.

One of the main keynotes of this year's innovation, will be the closeness between the Student Association Orientation Committee with the Resident Association. Marilyn McMahon, resident chairman, is currently forming her ideas and workers. Through the combined efforts of the two committees, more



Judith Ball

orientation week activities including both the day hops and the dorm students will be planned.

Freshmen will have the opportunity to offer suggestions to the various committees at the next class meeting.

## Rosary Hill Placement Office Corrects Information on ASIS

The March 5 issue of *The Ascent* publicized the ASIS (American Student Information Service). *The Ascent* received the information on the ASIS from the Collegiate Press Service, which is a project sponsored by the National Student Association.

The news release stated that: "All positions are pre-arranged before students leave for Europe with ASIS making all required arrangements including work permits, health and accident insurance, tax exemptions, and living accommodations."

The reliability of the ASIS arrangements has been questioned by a government-approved agency directly concerned with student overseas travel.

In view of this fact, Miss Stegmeier has requested that, in

1960, Rosary Hill College be deleted from the ASIS mailing list.

It was stated in the article that further information regarding the program could be obtained by writing to the ASIS headquarters in Luxembourg City, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

However, it is now recommended that for further information regarding any overseas jobs, the students contact Miss Stegmeier, Placement Director. The placement office recommends that all students consult the Council on Student Travel, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017 before traveling abroad.

The council maintains a service for the American educational community.

## Student Teachers Put Theory Into Practice

by Julie Hasset

What is it like to take that first step to the other side of the lectern, to leave student and become student teacher?

Many seniors on campus are taking this step. We decided to ask them.

"Very chastening," says Rita Pierpaoli, a French concentrator, who did her student teaching at Tonawanda Senior High School. This is not just another learning experience, Rita points out. The student teacher is confronted with a situation to which she must respond in order to succeed. There is a special immediacy about it that demands action.

Rita feels moreover that student teaching gives you a new perspective towards teaching and learning. She herself has come to realize that half of teaching is learning, interaction. She has come to view teaching as primarily an encounter with another personality and has come to realize that you teach to peo-

ple, not subject matter. Because of this, she now believes the ideal in teaching is to establish a flow of communication, a rapport between students and teacher.

Yet Rita will say that each person reacts differently. Student teaching is simply a beginning taste of what you may or may not encounter.

For Linda Pfeil of the Art concentration, student teaching meant "putting theory into practice." Because student teachers in art rotate their situations, Linda has taught in both South Park Senior High School, and Cleveland Hill Elementary School. From her experiences in both these schools Linda has come to believe that you have to develop a sixth sense about teaching. Theories are important as a background, but it is experience that is essential. Student teaching gives you this opportunity to put theories into practice and decide which work for

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## RHC Bloodmobile Quota Can Still Be Attained

Last November the American Red Cross Bloodmobile was here at Rosary Hill College.

A goal of 170 pints of blood was set and, if this goal was reached, all members of the faculty, the student body, and the immediate families of both would automatically receive "coverage".

This "coverage" would guarantee that the Red Cross would supply needed blood, to these people without demanding either payment or replacement. The coverage is good anywhere in the country.

In November, Rosary Hill students and faculty donated a total of 105 pints of blood, a mere sixty-five pints short of the quota. Since then, three more pints have been donated.

The quota can still be met! The deadline is November, 1964.

Throughout the remainder of the year, there will be bloodmobiles at various places in the

city of Buffalo. Students, friends, faculty members, or alumnae of Rosary Hill may donate blood at any one of these centers and request that the donations be accredited to Rosary Hill College.

The next mobile unit will be at St. Benedict's Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 27, Good Friday.

Blanks for parental permission are in the Health Office. Those who gave in November and wish to give again may do so. Anyone needing transportation should phone TF 6-5911, or TF 2-8917. Appointments, although not necessary, can also be made by calling either of these two phone numbers.

Those who gave in November found it to be a simple, generally painless process and will readily vouch for the satisfying satisfaction one has in knowing that she has made a worthwhile contribution towards remedying the needs of suffering people.

## NIF Plays Integral Role in Planning Model United Nations

On Saturday, April 11, 1964, the area colleges of Buffalo will sponsor a Model United Nations for 80 Western New York high schools. The core committee at State Teachers College has been working since November in order to present the event under the auspices of Buffalo's Council on World Affairs.

The members of this committee are D'Youville College, Canisius College, University of Buffalo, State Teachers' College and Rosary Hill.

Kathleen Roberts is chairman of the event on campus and is also Assistant Secretary General

of the body. Working under her are members of committees assigned to our campus: Economic and Financial Committee - Chairman, Kay Zimmerman; Secretary, Julia Lennon; Parliamentary, Linda Young; Sergeant-at-Arms, Maureen Martin.

Other committees also functioning at Rosary Hill are: the Credentials Committee - Chairman, Mary Claire Ansteth, and the Ushers' Committee, Chairman, Kathleen Lannon.

Rosary Hill has played a decisive part in the program this year as a function of the National-International Forum.

them in any of her comments. For Linda, the teaching experience had been an opportunity to create vicariously, and one that she thoroughly enjoyed.

Mary Joan Coleman, a member of the English Concentration, found both "satisfaction and fun" in student teaching. She came to realize, too, that teaching was not a job like others.

Mary Joan did her teaching at Williamsville High School where she had two non-regent junior classes.

Mary Joan admits to one great fear as she began teaching. She worried that because she looked

## Inter-Racial Panel Promotes Audience Dialogue on Integration

by Linda DeStefano

"I have never met a Negro, a white man, a Puerto Rican; I have just met people—people—people, for I am blind."

The young man was hoping. He was hoping that his audience would become blind also, not with the physical darkness that he knows but with the spiritual light whose brightness blinds men to unfair distinctions and lets them see only people, not colors. He was appealing not to a void but to persons who were responding to the questions presented by the college men and women on the panel, responding by exposing their opinions and experiences concerning inter-racial understanding. The two young women (one of them a colored person from Jamaica, whose presence on the panel was a living example of inter-racial cooperation) and four young men on the panel were giving information and their views about the racial situation in government, education, housing, and inter-marriage.

A dialogue was carried on between the panel and about ten persons from the audience of mostly college women and a few men (a rough approximation of those present is 50.) Sometimes the responses were drawn out by direct questioning, and other times the reactions were volunteered.

"How would you react if a Negro family moved next door?" "As a matter of fact, that's happening to us, and I don't mind."

"Would you marry a Negro if you loved him?"

"This is a question I asked a Negro recently when I attended a convention in Puerto Rico. There, inter-racial marriage is common, and I asked him whether he would marry a white girl, and he replied, 'I would marry a person.' What I look for in a husband is compatibility, that is, similar interests and so

young it would hinder her teaching. She found that it's your attitude that counts, and that looking younger had no bearing.

What did have bearing was whether or not you were prepared. Each day you find yourself facing a group. You could feel terrible, but you have to get up and actually perform, project interest and enthusiasm.

But then there are compensations. After the first week of coolness, for example, when the students begin saying hello.

Or like the day when Fred came into the class wearing a beanie-wig. The critic teacher is sitting in the back of the class, and you're wondering what you're going to do. You ask Fred to take it off, hoping he will because you don't know what you'll do if he doesn't. There's that huge relief when he simply does take it off and put it in his desk.

Bea Cocuzzi did her student teaching at Starpoint Central High School, near Lockport. Bea is a member of the Biology concentration.

Bea will tell you that you get out of student teaching what you put into it. She says that you have to be willing to work, but if you are, and you want to be a good teacher, you will be.

One problem that Bea has found connected with student teaching is the necessity of coming back for classes. She points out that you are often so exhausted that it is difficult to pay attention in class. Then, too, after preparing for teaching there is often little time left over in which to study.

Yet in other areas she has not found the problems she expected. Especially in the area of discipline, she has learned that if you show students that you like them and are trying to help them, they are more than willing to co-operate.

forth, so I would marry someone who I'm compatible with no matter whether he's purple, green, or what."

Although these answers from two people indicate approval of integration, some action that has been taken in the name of racial justice was disapproved by members of the audience. The court decision that paraders were not to wear black face makeup in the recent Mummies' Day Parade was ridiculous, someone asserted with emotion. "Negroes protested that the wearing of black face makeup pictured the Negro as a buffoon and was an affront to the race. But the wearing of the makeup is a very long tradition and not done maliciously. Therefore, it's only unnecessarily raising and aggravating the racial issue to protest such a harmless and non-malicious tradition."

School integration through transportation of some Negro students to white schools and vice versa is another action disapproved by some of the audience. This method of school integration is not the answer, some contended.

A method that was suggested to personally further integration is the NSA Tutorial Project at Rosary Hill.

Segregation in education was recognized as intimately related to segregation in housing. Negroes tend to live in segregated neighborhoods, so their children attend the school in their district, not a white or integrated school in another district. A principal challenge is to encourage Negroes and whites to live next door to each other; then, automatically the school for the neighborhood will be integrated. And yet there is fear. There is fear that the Negro family will be so dirty and sloppy that their house and property will devalue; this will cause the property and house of the white neighbor to devalue. A person

who lives in a suburb of Buffalo experience:

"Perhaps about two or three years ago, it was rumored that a Negro family was going to move in. Very soon, a real estate agent was at our door saying, 'They're coming in. Do you want to sell?' There was excitement up and down the street, but the supposed arrival turned out to be a rumor."

The reason for conducting this panel on inter-racial understanding and the reason for working toward justice and love between all races is Christian. The reason is that Christ died for black men as well as white and that He expects us to see Him just as much in a Negro or any other race as in a Caucasian.

Yes, the love of Christ is for all men, and the love of Christians must be for all men. That is why the Third Order Secular of Saint Francis at St. Bonaventure University has formed this panel. It is part of a national Third Order apostolate called A.I.U. (Action for Inter-racial Understanding), the responsibility for which was assumed by the Third Order in 1960. The panel was presented at Rosary Hill College, February 27 at the request of the Third Order on this campus.

## CIA Panel

The Council of Intercollegiate Affairs is conducting a panel on Apathy; to get to the root of the apathy problem they will try to determine if it is student apathy, or faculty apathy, or a combination of the two. This will take place during April.

The Intercollegiate Affairs committee is composed of representatives from each of the area colleges — Canisius, D'Youville, Rosary Hill, State University College at Buffalo, State University at Buffalo, and the Nursing School at Sisters Hospital.

## Student Teachers

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you. It enables you to reach the point where intuition takes over and you begin to teach by feel.

The greatest satisfaction Linda has found was in watching the students become more aware and less tense as they progressed in the class. Her greatest challenge was in trying to get the best from each student. Students put much of themselves into their work, so that she had to be very careful that she did not hurt

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